



Alton Town Report



For The Fiscal Year Ending February 15th

1917

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, CLERK
AND SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

Town of Alton, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 15th,
1917

Town Officers

For the Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1917

Selectmen,

HERBERT E. HAYES CHARLES H. McDUFFEE
FRED M. NEWHALL

Town Clerk,

HERBERT E. MORRELL

Treasurer,

HERBERT J. JONES

Collector,

JOHN H. McDUFFEE

Road Agent,

OE VARNEY

Auditors,

FRANK M. AYERS

EDWARD H. DOWNING

Supervisors,

HAROLD S. GILMAN

ROY T. PAGE

OLIVER R. SHATTUCK

School Board,

DR. FRANK W. McLAUGHLIN

ALTA H. McDUFFEE

ALBERT J. JONES

Fire Wardens,

PHILIP L. DREW

HERBERT J. JONES

Board of Health,

CHARLES E. HUTCHINS

SELECTMEN

Police,

WALTER A. LANG

Constable,

PHILIP L. DREW

Trustees of Trust Funds,

HERBERT J. JONES

MABEL H. EVANS

OSCAR E. DAVIS

Selectmen's Report

Valuation of Alton

Real estate, number of acres, 35,605,
value, \$1,100,992 00

Personal estate, 265,105 00

Total value, \$1,366,097 00

	Number	Average	
Horses,	294	\$127 99	\$37,630 00
Mules,	8	187 50	1,500 00
Oxen,	14	85 35	1,195 00
Cows,	448	47 41	21,243 00
Neat,	101	36 13	3,650 00
Sheep,	74	6 20	465 00
Hogs,	45	12 02	541 00
Fowl,	1,665	73	1,219 00
Vehicles including automobiles,			14,755 00
Portable mills,			4,600 00
Boats and launches,			19,650 00
Wood and lumber, not stock in trade,			28,430 00
Stock in public funds,			15,000 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,			1,150 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,			9,477 00
Stock in trade,			72,150 00
Aqueducts,			20,000 00
Mills and machinery,			12,450 00

Total, \$265,105 00

Total town taxes, \$23,223 65

407 polls, 814 00

Total precinct taxes, 1,203 88

\$ 25,241 53

ASSETS

Cash:

In town treasury, Feb. 15, 1917 \$3,722 93

Accounts due town:

Taxes bought by town,

(a) Levy of 1916 39 89

(b) Levy of previous years, 163 40

Other assets:

3 bbls. Tarvia, 15 00

9 bbls. Oil, 27 00

1 M ft. Bridge plank, 20 00

Total assets, \$3,988 22

Excess of liabilities over assets,

(net debt), 2,897 00

Total \$6,885 22

LIABILITIES

Bills owed by Town:

Sidewalk appropriation, \$ 205 22

Town hall appropriation, 55 00

Fire alarm appropriation, 350 00

Notes:

James B. Woodman, 450 00

James B. Woodman, 900 00

James B. Woodman, 1,000 00

Martha J. Sawyer, 1,500 00

Trust funds used by town note

to Trustees, 2,425 00

Total liabilities, \$6,885 22

RECEIPTS

State tax assessed,	\$2,550 00
County tax assessed,	2,161 74
School tax assessed,	7,875 00
Fireman tax assessed,	105 00
Library tax assessed,	377 00
Highway tax assessed,	7,401 74
Town tax assessed,	2,736 38
Percentage assessed,	830 79
Precinct tax,	1,203 88

Total taxes charged to collector,	\$25,241 53
Taxes bought by the town,	\$ 39 89
Abatements,	60 04

\$ 99 93

Total 1916 taxes collected,	\$25,141 60
Taxes, previous years and escape- ments,	\$107 30

FROM STATE:

For highways, a. Maintenance,	611 54
For highways, b. State aid,	436 97
Insurance tax,	3 75
Railroad tax,	1,757 29
Savings bank tax,	1,838 03
Liquor licenses,	34 11
For fighting forest fires,	18 13
For bounties,	15 20
Literary fund,	166 29
For education,	1,092 00

FROM COUNTY:

For support of poor,	37 20
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FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:

Dog licenses,	\$ 292 17
Fines and forfeits,	18 00
Rent of town hall,	440 50
Interest received on taxes,	30 78
Income of dept's., highway,	48 60
Forest fires, B. & M. R. R.,	24 64
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	\$6,972 50
Temporary loans during year,	7,600 00
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	\$ 14,572 50
Total receipts from all sources,	39,714 10
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1916,	2,469 56
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Grand total,	\$42,183 66

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General government:

1. Town officers, salaries
and expenses, \$1,111 99
2. Election and registration
expenses, 159 95
3. Municipal court expenses, 100 00
4. Care and supplies for
town hall, 698 45

Protection of Persons and Property:

5. Police department, 98 32
6. Fire department, 1,913 97
7. Bounties, 15 20
8. Damage by dogs, 42 00

Health:

9. Health department, 53 64
10. Vital statistics, 19 25

Highways and Bridges:

11. State aid maintenance,	1,059 63
12. Town maintenance.	5,547 17
13. Street lighting,	36 00
14. General expenses of highway department,	3,278 16

Education:

15. Libraries,	377 00
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Charities:

16. Town poor,	107 29
17. County poor,	37 20

Patriotic purposes:

18. Memorial day and other celebrations,	250 00
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Total current expenses.	\$14,905 22
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INTEREST:

19. Paid on temporary loans, \$	366 87
20. Paid on principal of trust funds used by Town,	213 29

Total interest payments,	\$ 580 16
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OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT:

21. Highways and bridges—	
State aid construction,	\$2,587 34
22. Sidewalk construction,	94 78

Total outlay payments,	\$2,682 12
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INDEBTEDNESS:

23. Payments on temporary loans,	\$5,000 00
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

24. Taxes paid to State,	\$2,550 00
25. Taxes paid to County,	2,161 74
26. Payment to precinct,	1,203 88
27. Payment to school district,	9,377 61
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Total payments to other governmental divisions,	\$15,293 23
Total payments for all purposes,	\$38,460 73
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	3,722 93
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Grand total,	\$42,183 66

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government

DETAIL 1. Town Officers' Salaries and Expenses:

Salaries:

Selectmen,	
Herbert E. Hayes,	\$ 231 25
Charles H. McDuffee,	201 25
Fred M. Newhall,	166 50
Clerk,	
Herbert E. Morrell,	61 25
Treasurer,	
Herbert J. Jones,	50 00
Auditors,	
Frank M. Ayer,	2 50
Edward H. Downing,	2 50
Tax Collector,	
John H. McDuffee,	250 00

Expenses:

Livery, auto hire, etc.,

Fred M. Newhall, \$ 2 50

Fifield House, 6 00

Herbert E. Hayes, 1 00

Frank M. Ayer, 5 00

Supplies and incidentals,

Edson C. Eastman, 26 25

Herbert E. Morrell, 16 36

Charles H. McDuffee, 3 49

Fred M. Newhall, 2 87

Herbert E. Hayes, 3 52

Stamps and stationery,

Fred M. Newhall, 6 60

Charles H. McDuffee, 50

Herbert E. Hayes, 4 40

Printing supplies:

The Farmington News Co., 9 75

Printing town reports,

The Farmington News Co., 58 50

————— \$ 1,111 99

DETAIL 2. Election and Registration Expenses:

Moderator,

Charles H. McDuffee, \$ 7 50

Supervisors,

Arthur D. Rollins, 37 50

Harry Morrison, 37 50

Willie E. Sanborn, 37 50

Ballot Inspectors,

Walter A. Lang, 5 00

Waldo C. Varney, 7 50

Oe Varney, 5 00

Oscar E. Davis, 7 50

Printing ballots.

The Farmington News Co., 5 50

Meals at elections.

Herbert E. Hayes. 9 45

————— \$ 146 74

DETAIL 4. Care and Supplies for Town Hall:

David E. Clough, janitor. \$ 90 00

Extra labor. 16 82

Wood, 27 00

Herbert E. Morrell, insurance, 23 32

Herbert J. Jones, insurance, 100 00

Place & Co., coal, 73 28

Frank W. Gray, wood, 4 50

Alton Electric Light and

Power Co., lights for hall, 219 69

Seth W. Jones, internal revenue, 25 00

Paul E. Buckley, repairs, 50 25

Alton & Alton Bay Water Co.,

water for hall, 19 00

Union Telephone Co., service, 23 26

Fred M. Newhall, wood, 9 00

Jones & Lamprey, supplies, 8 99

John N. Bennett, repairs, 1 25

J. Jones & Son, supplies, 7 09

————— \$ 698 45

DETAIL 5.—Police Department:

Constables, Philip L. Drew, \$ 79 32

Police, Walter A. Lang, 18 00

Edward E. Prime, 1 00

————— \$ 98 32

DETAIL 6. Fire Department:

Wagner Electric Manufacturing

Co., motor and express, \$ 89 47

Philip L. Drew, fire ward, 1915,	
1916,	10 00
Herbert J. Jones, fire ward,	
1915, 1916,	10 00
Loper Fire Alarm Co., balance	
on contract and supplies,	129 71
Place & Co., coal, Hose No. 2,	90
Alton Electric Light & Power	
Co., lights, Hose No. 2,	12 00
Herbert E. Hayes, pay roll,	
Youngtown fire,	7 25
Herbert E. Hayes, pay roll,	
Wentworth fire,	3 00
Herbert E. Hayes, pay roll,	
Kelley fire,	8 00
Herbert E. Hayes, pay roll,	
Davis fire,	9 75
Herbert E. Hayes, pay roll,	
Barr fire,	8 25
Herbert E. Hayes, pay roll,	
Gooch fire,	24 64
Globe Manufacturing Co., fire	
hose,	346 00
Alton Electric Light & Power	
Co., supplies and care of fire	
alarm system,	156 60
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co.,	
hydrants,	780 00
Electric Machine & Instrument Co.,	
repairs on motor,	69 89
Fred T. Wilson, supplies,	2 10
Edward H. Downing, pay roll,	
Hose No. 2,	82 00
Oscar Duncan, forest fire warden,	5 00

J. H. Downing Co., supplies,	9 86	
J. Jones & Son, supplies,	7 70	
Clarence A. Horne, pay roll, Hose		
No. 1,	141 85	
	—————	\$ 1,913 97

DETAIL 8. Damage by Dogs:

Lewis A. Proctor,	\$ 17 00	
Charles H. Tebbetts,	20 00	
Oe Varney,	5 00	
	—————	\$ 42 00

DETAIL 10.—Vital Statistics:

Herbert E. Morrell, return of		
marriages, births, deaths,		
etc.,	\$ 9 50	
Dr. E. R. Wright, return of		
births and deaths,	1 75	
Dr. F. W. McLaughlin, return		
of births and deaths,	5 75	
Dr. J. C. Tappan, return of		
births and deaths,	2 25	
	—————	\$ 19 25

DETAIL 11. State Aid Maintenance:

Oe Varney, pay rolls,	\$ 350 34	
Frank H. Carpenter, pay rolls,	27 00	
Roy T. Page, pay rolls,	13 95	
The Barrett Co., Tarvia,	155 84	
John L. Rollins, patrolman,	261 75	
Herbert Ricker, patrolman,	250 75	
	—————	\$1,059 63

DETAIL 12. Town Maintenance:

B. & M. R. R., wharf rental,	\$ 1 00	
District No.,		
1. J. A. Miller, pay rolls,	397 10	
2. Oe Varney, pay rolls,	1,374 64	

3. Willis Glidden, pay rolls,	794	30
4. S. E. Grant, pay rolls,	419	95
5. Roy T. Page, pay rolls,	364	52
6. I. T. Proctor, pay rolls,	133	28
7. F. J. Stevens, pay rolls,	204	80
8. W. E. Sanborn, pay rolls,	206	20
9. Dana Bradley, pay rolls,	96	65
10. C. H. Proctor, pay rolls,	255	50
11. F. J. Howard, pay rolls,	195	60
12. S. B. Huckins, pay rolls,	120	90
13. Oe Varney, pay rolls,	982	73
	—————	\$5,547 17

DETAIL 14. General Expenses:

Winter Work, District No.,

1.	\$ 206	55
2.	393	56
3.	301	15
4.	173	50
5.	68	40
6.	21	50
7.	51	90
8.	46	55
9.	17	15
10.	51	90
11.	135	81
12.	122	19
13.	474	24
	—————	\$2,064 40

Oe Varney, salary and ex-

penses, 319 00

Oscar Duncan, blacksmith work, 43 95

Chester Hanson, blacksmith

work, 8 30

M. L. H. Kimball, blacksmith work,	1 30
J. Jones & Son, dynamite and supplies,	182 92
J. H. Downing Co., supplies,	13 93
C. S. Lovett, painting,	8 38
Good Roads Machinery Co., road machinery and supplies,	173 65
D. E. Clough, four years' care of fountain,	15 00
Oe Varney, freight,	36 27
F. E. Mooney, drain pipe,	13 55
Andrew French, road drag,	3 10
North East Metal Co., culverts,	63 42
Penn Metal Co., culverts,	36 40
G. H. Jones, bridge plank,	69 54
Wallace & Rogers, repairs on plow,	3 36
J. B. Woodman, lumber,	9 55
Thompson & Hoague, supplies,	1 80
H. L. Barr, painting,	6 95
A. B. Campmeeting Association, drain pipe,	4 06
The Standard Oil Co., oil,	141 20
The Barrett Co., tarvia,	30 63
J. A. Mooney, damage, removal of culvert,	15 00
C. H. Proctor, bridge plank,	12 50
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	\$3,278 16

DETAIL 16. Town Poor:

Fred T. Wilson, aid to Charles	
P. Hayes,	\$ 19 89

Dr. E. R. Wright, aid to Willie

Elliott, 13 00

Dr. E. R. Wright, vaccination, 6 25

David E. Clough, care of tramps, 68 15

————— \$ 107 29

DETAIL 17. County Poor:

Jones & Lamprey, aid to John

Tardif, \$ 32 20

Willis E. Glidden, aid to trans-
sient

5 00

————— \$ 37 20

DETAIL 18. Memorial Day and Other Celebrations:

Oscar E. Davis, Memorial appro-

priation, \$ 50 00

John W. Evans, fruit, vegetable
and poultry show appropri-
ation,

200 00

————— \$ 250 00

DETAIL 19. Interest Paid on Temporary Loans:

James B. Woodman, \$ 148 81

Martha J. Sawyer, 189 45

Herbert J. Jones, 28 61

————— \$ 366 87

**DETAIL 21. Highways and Bridges—State Aid
Construction:**

Pay rolls:

Oe Varney, Mooney Hill, \$1,728 09

Oe Varney, Colbath Hill, 859 25

————— \$2,587 34

DETAIL 23. Payments on Temporary Loans:

Martha J. Sawyer, notes,	\$4,000 00	
Herbert J. Jones, note,	1,000 00	
	—————	\$5,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. HAYES,
CHARLES H. McDUFFEE,
FRED M. NEWHALL,

Selectmen of Alton.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK M. AYER,
EDWARD H. DOWNING,

Auditors.

Alton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1917.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1916.	\$ 2,469 56
Received of selectmen and clerk,	12,022 50
Received of collector,	25,141 60
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	\$39,633 66

PAYMENTS

Paid orders from selectmen.	\$33,748 99
Paid county tax,	2,161 74
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	\$35,910 73

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	\$ 3,722 93
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Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. JONES,

Treasurer.

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FRANK M. AYER,

EDWARD H. DOWNING,

Auditors.

Alton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1917.

Schedule of Town Property

	Description	Value
1.	Town hall, land and buildings,	\$15,000 00
	Furniture and equipment,	747 00
2.	Library, furniture and equipment,	1,350 00
3.	Department Property:	
	Fire department, land and buildings,	800 00
	Apparatus,	3,845 00
	Highway department, equipment,	450 00
4.	All other property and equipment:	
	Colbath lot, gravel pit,	200 00
	Total,	\$22,392 00

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

	Description	Value
	Village school building, land and hot house,	\$14,000 00
	Bay school building,	2,000 00
	Rural school buildings,	2,000 00
	Furniture and apparatus,	2,400 00
	Total,	\$20,400 00

SCHOOL REPORT RECEIPTS

From State:

Literary fund, \$ 166 29

From State Treasurer, under Chap. 158, Laws 1909

District Superintendent, 300 00

Support of schools, 792 00

From Town:

Town tax for schools, 2,550 00

School district tax, 5,325 00

From Local Sources:

Dog licenses,	250 17	
Tuitions received,	131 00	
Hot house receipts,	50 79	
Sale of lumber,	10 69	
Sale of old papers,	56	
Balance from last year,	138 53	
	<hr/>	\$9,715 03
Less Gooch abatement,		5 85
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Grand total,		\$9,709 18

EXPENSES

Administration:

1. Salaries of School Board, \$ 60 00
2. Clerical expenses of School Board, 15 00
3. Expenses of check list, 41 08
4. Salaries of other district officers, 29 00
5. School census, 5 00
6. Superintendent's salary and expenses, 593 14

Instruction:

7. Regular teachers' salaries, 5,751 80
8. Supervisor of music, 316 80
9. Text books, 229 78
10. Reference books, maps and apparatus, 7 58
11. Scholars' supplies, 147 81
12. Flags and appurtenances, 15 00
13. Graduating exercises, 7 25
14. Other expenses of instruction, 157 13

Operation, Maintenance of School Plant:

15. Janitor's service,	330 30
16. Fuel,	412 15
17. Water,	43 29
18. Building and Janitor's supplies,	35 50
19. Minor repairs, upkeep of grounds,	130 28
20. Repair and replacement of equipment,	73 66

Special Activities:

21. Teachers' libraries,	\$ 7 33
22. Transportation of pupils,	1,152 83
23. Elementary school tuition,	35 00

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	112 47	
	<hr/>	\$9,709 18
Grand total,		<hr/> \$9,709 18

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

DETAIL 1. Salaries of School Board:

F. W. McLaughlin,	\$ 20 00
Alta H. McDuffee,	20 00
Albert J. Jones,	20 00
	<hr/> \$ 60 00

DETAIL 2. Clerical Expenses of School Board:

Alta H. McDuffee,	\$ 15 00
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DETAIL 3. Other Expenses, Checklist, Etc.:

Alta H. McDuffee,	\$ 13 58
Albert J. Jones,	2 00
F. W. McLaughlin,	6 00

Albert J. Jones,	6 00	
Alta H. McDuffee,	10 00	
Farmington News,	3 50	
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DETAIL 4. Other District Officers:

Herbert E. Morrell,	\$ 25 00	
John McDuffee,	2 00	
Meville Adams,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 29 00

DETAIL 5. School Census:

Alta H. McDuffee,	\$ 5 00
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DETAIL 6. Superintendent's Salary and Expenses:

F. U. Landman,	\$ 593 14
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DETAIL 7. Teachers' Salaries:

Instruction,		
Roy H. Walsh,	\$1,265 00	
W. G. Bodine,	845 00	
Mary L. Roberts,	212 50	
R. Olive Wilkins,	580 00	
Marion S. Rollins,	537 50	
Eunice E. Huff,	510 00	
Eula P. Varney,	336 60	
Marjorie McMaster,	417 60	
Ruth Littlefield,	180 00	
Anna Merrill,	381 60	
Annie A. Wheeler,	316 80	
Agnes M. Thompson,	270 00	
Susie E. Luce,	216 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,068 60

DETAIL 8. Text Books:

University of Chicago Press,	\$ 18 97
D. C. Heath & Co.,	1 75
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	5 93

The Manual Arts Press.	2 40
Whitcomb & Barrows,	9 78
Rand, McNally & Co.,	2 74
Henry Holt & Co.,	4 33
The Rumford Press.	66
Benj. H. Sanborn,	4 27
Charles Scribner's Sons.,	1 54
Ginn & Co.,	6 23
American Book Co.,	9 66
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	1 63
White, Smith Publishing Co.,	2 65
Oliver Ditson Co.,	4 43
The Macmillan Co.,	1 52
Silver, Burdett Co.,	1 43
Allyn & Bacon,	7 40
Chas. E. Merrill Co.,	7 77
Mrs. F. H. King,	1 40
D. C. Heath & Co.,	30 31
Charles Scribner's Sons.,	1 90
Ginn & Co.,	34 55
American Book Co.,	53 22
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.,	2 07
Row, Peterson & Co.,	9 90
Orville Brewer Publishing Co.,	80
The Macmillan Co.,	54
	----- \$ 229 78

DETAIL 9. Reference Books:

The Macmillan Co.,	\$ 1 52
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	2 14
The Macmillan Co.,	1 92
Silver, Burdett Co.,	2 00
	----- \$ 7 58

DETAIL 10. Scholars' Supplies:

Milton, Bradley Co.,	\$ 75 67	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	23 01	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	21 80	
Milton, Bradley Co.,	1 55	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	12 05	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	61	
Kenney Bros. and Wolkins,	6 20	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	3 74	
Freight,	3 18	
		<hr/> \$ 141 81

DETAIL 11. Flag and Appurtenances:

A. E. Barnes,	\$ 15 00
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DETAIL 12. Graduating Expenses:

Farmington News,	\$ 5 00	
Dover Business College,	2 25	
		<hr/> \$ 7 25

DETAIL 13. Other Expenses of Instruction:

Granite State Nurseries.	\$ 13 42	
Market Supply Co.,	4 98	
John M. Woods & Co.,	38 39	
A. A. Gannett,	6 50	
Frank Howard,	4 37	
Market Supply Co.,	1 75	
H. L. Moore,	2 00	
Jones & Lamprey,	40 04	
J. Jones & Son,	45 68	
		<hr/> \$ 157 13

OPERATION, MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

DETAIL 14. Janitors' Services:

Chas. H. Estes,	\$301 00	
W. G. Bodine,	19 00	
Jimmy H. Kendall,	6 80	
Lloyd Prime,	3 50	
	————	\$ 330 30

DETAIL 15. Fuel:

T. J. Alden,	\$ 14 25	
Fred E. Glidden,	15 00	
Place & Co.,	291 57	
A. W. Cate,	21 25	
Oe Varney,	18 20	
David E. Clough,	9 00	
Place & Co.,	38 98	
Albert J. Jones,	3 90	
	————	\$ 412 15

DETAIL 16. Water.

Alton and Alton Bay Water Co.,	\$ 43 29
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DETAIL 17. Building and Janitor's Supplies:

W. G. Bodine,	\$ 6 86	
Herbert E. Morrill,	1 77	
W. G. Bodine,	14 84	
Chas. H. Estes,	1 08	
Herbert E. Morrell,	10 95	
	————	\$ 35 50

DETAIL 18. Minor Repairs, Upkeep of Grounds:

Annie E. Peavey,	\$ 4 80
Dennis Harriman,	2 00
F. W. Leach,	8 00
F. M. Carpenter,	22 00
John F. Hanson,	2 50

M. Russell,	2 00	
Annie E. Peavey,	38 00	
Mabel Avery,	5 00	
Geo. W. Gerrish,	2 35	
W. H. Bodine,	10 00	
Paul E. Buckley,	10 30	
Eula P. Varney,	2 00	
H. L. Barr,	7 50	
Frank W. Howard,	3 00	
Annie E. Peavey,	2 00	
Albert J. Jones,	7 04	
Philip L. Drew,	1 79	
	<hr/>	\$ 130 28

DETAIL 19. Equipment.

Palmer & Baker,	\$ 12 83	
A. L. Bemis,	1 77	
Chandler & Barber,	59 06	
	<hr/>	\$ 73 66

AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:**DETAIL 20. Teachers' Library:**

Bobbs, Merrill Co.,	\$ 1 00	
The Macmillan Co.,	2 07	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	3 00	
Ginn & Co.,	1 26	
	<hr/>	\$ 7 33

DETAIL 21. Elementary School Tuition:

New Durham School District,	\$ 35 00
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DETAIL 22. Transportation:

West Alton and Loon Cove,	\$ 223 21	
South Alton,	625 62	
East Alton	200 00	
Gore	104 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,152 83

Total payments for all purposes,	9,596 71
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	112 47
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Grand total,	\$9,709 18

ESTIMATES FOR COMING FISCAL YEAR

Money required for text books and supplies,	\$ 500 00
Flags and appurtenances,	25 00
District officers,	150 00
Repairs,	150 00

ESTIMATED INCOME FROM STATE

Literary fund,	\$ 166 29
One-half Superintendent's salary,	300 00
Attendance of pupils,	216 00
Certified teachers,	576 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. McLOUGHLIN,
ALTA H. McDUFFEE,
ALBERT J. JONES,

School Board of Alton.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast,

FRANK M. AYER,

EDWARD H. DOWNING,

Auditors.

Alton, N. H., February 15, 1917.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1916,	\$ 138 53
Received from School Board,	193 04
Received on orders of Selectmen,	9,377 61
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	\$9,709 18

PAYMENTS

Paid by orders of School Board,	\$9,596 71
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	112 47
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	\$9,709 18

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT E. MORRELL,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK M. AYER,
EDWARD H. DOWNING,
Auditors

February 15, 1917.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board and Citizens of Alton:

I am submitting my fourth annual report as superintendent of your schools. The statistics cover the school year ending in June, 1916.

The average membership for the year was 206. The per cent. of attendance was 93 for all of the schools. Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy was 34. The number of visits 455, a falling off some from the last two years.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL SUBJECTS

It was gratifying this year to have only one change in the teaching force of the Alton schools. It required a little more in the line of salaries than usual, but the results this year are more satisfactory than ever before. It takes a teacher at least half a year to get acquainted with the work and the children. The teaching positions in the village school require unusual labor. I might say that all of the teachers are overworked either in number of subjects or time or with too many children in a room. Too much praise cannot be given for their sacrifice and devotion to their tasks.

New evidence of the great value of manual training, cooking, sewing and other household arts, agriculture, busy work of all kinds, school banking, dramatics, organized play, athletics, and social activities is

coming in constantly. All of the schools of the town are adapting this practical work to the needs of the pupils with increasing interest and effect. Music is well done and commends itself to us at many public gatherings. Those who listen at the musicals, plays, public meetings, and closing exercises of the High School at the end of the year have evidence of the kind of training the children are receiving in the Alton schools.

EDUCATIONAL DEMANDS

Much is said at times with reference to the failure of the public schools. Sometimes we hear that the schools of the former generation were more efficient than the schools are today. Very many tests have been made during the last ten years with reference to this charge and in no case have the children of today failed to do better than the children of the former age even though they average about two years younger. Everything connected with school work is done better today than it has ever been done before.

What ought a school, then, to do for its children? What has the public a right to expect from its schools? The public has a right to demand that the children in the Elementary school be able to read silently with understanding and aloud pleasantly and with intelligence; to write legibly and with a good degree of speed; to express themselves orally with freedom and accuracy and clearly in good written English; to think with independence and draw conclusions from the thinking; to use accurately the fundamental operations, fractions, decimals, percentage facts, and measurements for ordinary life experiences; to read history with pleasure remembering influencing facts and tracing

results back to causes; to get familiar with geographical facts that affect climate, production, and civilization, understand the great political divisions, forms of government, typical industries and related commercial interests; to get into touch with nature and learn to love her beauties; to obey the laws of health, sanitation and growth for themselves and for others; to use their hands with their minds in making things for ornament and for use; to conform to authority promptly and cheerfully recognizing the rights of others and the need of social service.

With this kind of preparation the public may demand of its High schools that they give a liberal education to those who are to enter the higher institutions of learning so that they may be able to do their work with ease, pleasure and profit, but that they place a much larger emphasis on the practical arts leading toward the practical professions and the trades, making pupils, the majority of whom are to go directly into the world's work, able to be self-supporting, successful and efficient in the work they undertake. Scholarship, however important, is not the chief business of a school. A very large majority of the children we are to train will never know the meaning of scholarship. Many will be poor in brains, in effort, in appreciation, and in gratitude. They will be bright, stupid, industrious, lazy, well-behaved and ill-behaved but it is the work of the school to make out of as many as it can men and women of character and purpose. The school that does not tend to make good citizens has no right to exist, no matter how high its standards of scholarship. Good health, right habits, high ideals, strong interests

directed toward the common good, and a lofty patriotism must get hold of our boys and girls making them efficient, honorable and courageous.

The fundamental thing then is to produce intelligent, healthy, vigorous, honest, self-directed and unselfish citizens. This is a big program to match up to. It requires the love and discipline of good homes, the prayers and religious training of the churches, and the sacrifice and training of the best teachers. May I suggest that Alton has an opportunity to make progress in the co-operation of these three agencies in the training of her children. Every parent ought to visit school at least once a year. All other citizens are urged to do so. Every child of school age ought to attend church or Sunday school regularly, and every pupil ought to be prompt and regular in attendance at the day school with a will to be obedient and learn all he can.

METHODS

To bring about the results for which a school is maintained and for which the district taxes itself, we are using the demands of the patrons of the school, all of the common sense and good judgment we can muster, all of the helps that psychology can give, that pedagogy can give, that philosophy can give, that measurements can give, and that experience past and present can give.

In reading we are trying to make all children good readers by the end of the fourth grade. Few learn to read well after that grade.

In writing we are not teaching penmanship that belongs to the Business College even though some children have a talent for writing. We aim at legibility

and speed for all. If it seems to some that the art of writing is neglected, let me say that the modern systems of hand writing have failed to get the results expected without an enormous waste of time for the majority of children.

In arithmetic we are trying to make sure of the fundamental operations and their automatic use. Figures are of little value unless they can be used quickly and accurately. All of the arithmetic problems that will ever be used in ordinary life can be taught in two years or less.

Every written or vocal activity is a lesson in language. That avoids separate time for language work. Language is incidental to thought and must be taught in that way to get satisfactory results. Our every day language and the language of the street do not help the schools much in teaching correct use of the mother tongue.

Spelling has been narrowed as far as number and kind of words are concerned. The words spelled are the words used by the children in the several grades and below. Some children who are natural spellers need not spell every day. It need not occasion any alarm to parents if some children do not spell regularly.

But we have learned that the three R's are not education but the tools of an education by which we are to learn geography, history, physiology, mathematics, art, science, music, industry and be able to enter intelligently any of the avenues of the life of man. Self-

activity, and self-expression are the essential factors in every child's education. Nothing else will give thought, power, and initiative. There is no easy road to a good education and every child must dig and plug for himself. Parents should do all they can to help the teacher in getting the best and most out of the work of their children.

NEEDS

This is the second year of serving hot lunches to the children at the Center school. From 75 to 90 have been given a substantial amount of cocoa, fish chowder, corn chowder, etc., for two cents a day. We appreciate the interest of the parents and citizens. Some have made donations which have helped materially in making ends meet at the end of the winter term. Students in the high school and upper grades have acted as waiters and helpers and have done their part in making the noon lunch a success. It calls to mind the great need of more room and better accommodations for the Domestic Science department. It is remarkable that so much has been done under such adverse conditions.

It would be worth while for some well-disposed person of means to endow the playground and athletic activities of Alton. I wish that might be done. It is exceedingly difficult to get funds enough to do the best for the children in the line of exercise. Health exercises are absolutely necessary for good study. Some get the exercises at home in useful work, but many do not. Fresh air and exercise are fundamental.

Some advance has been made in the line of agriculture. The hot house has rendered good service for experiments and also some returns in a financial way from the sale of products. The last two seasons have been hard for boys caring for home projects, but we hope for a better season this year. May I say that the course will not be complete and the work in agriculture be fully developed until the teacher in that subject is engaged for a year and given land to cultivate in the spring, and opportunity made for boys who wish to work for wages on those crops in the summer. I think the right kind of a man could even make that kind of an agricultural opportunity more than self-supporting.

Those who have visited the schools at the Village this year have observed that the Primary and Intermediate rooms are much over-crowded. The Intermediate room has 50 or more and the Primary room 48 or more—, three grades in each room. How can we expect a teacher to do justice at all to so many say nothing about wearing her own nerves and health out in too short a time. It is a question whether it is educational economy to continue that condition very much longer. I cannot see any great relief in number of pupils for next year. It is very difficult to get teachers or hold them when so much is required. I am not certain but the present building could be enlarged to make room for another teacher and for the Domestic Science class.

I am aware that the needs of the schools appeal strongly to the citizens of Alton. This town has been very responsive and liberal in the past. No town in the state has a finer record. I am sure in the future that she will supply the needs as fully as is in her power.

May I conclude with an expression of deepest appreciation for the cordial co-operation of the school board, teachers, and citizens of Alton in the service of the public schools. I also express my thanks to the pupils who have with so much interest pursued their several lines of study.

Respectfully submitted,

F. U. LANDMAN,

Superintendent.

Alton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1917.

Attendance 1915-1916

<i>SCHOOL</i>	REGISTRATION			Average Membership	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Per cent of attendance	Cases of tardiness	Not absent or tardy	Registered visits
	Boys	Girls	Total							
High	21	22	43	40	39	1	98	38	14	70
Grammar	18	11	29	26	24	2	94	22	5	55
Intermediate	24	29	53	47	44	3	93	19	10	37
Primary	24	23	47	39	36	3	93	20	2	77
Bay	12	3	15	13	12	1	95	28	2	91
Mountain	11	7	18	15	14	2	85	175	0	16
McDuffee	7	8	15	13	11	1	89	46	0	28
Gilman's Corner	15	6	21	13	12	1	92	2	1	81
Total, 1915-1916	132	109	241	206	192.5	12.5	93	350	34	455
1914-1915	119	106	225	211	197	13	92	245	29	466

TEACHERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1915-1916

SCHOOL	GRADES	NAME	EDUCATION	SALARY
High		Roy H. Walsh	Middlebury	\$4,150
		Wilfred G. Bodine	University of Vermont	\$25
		Agnes Thompson	Bates	450
Grammar	VII-VIII	R. Olive Wilkins	Framingham Normal	550
Intermediate	V-VI-VII	Marion Rollins	Plymouth Normal	500
Primary	I-II-III	Eunice Huff	Gorham Normal	475
Bay	I-II-III-IV	Susie E. Luce	Farmington Normal	350
Mountain		Margery McMaster	Lowell Normal	336
McDuffee		Eula C. Varney	State Certificate	308
Gilman's Corner		Anna Merrill	Plymouth Normal	336
Music		Annie A. Wheeler		

ROLL OF HONOR

HIGH SCHOOL

Ella Adams	Frank Gray
Ada Bennett	Ruby Powers
Herbert Bennett	Ruth Sanders
Kenneth Chamberlain	Harold Sanborn
Ruth Flanders	Mina Smith
Doris McDuffee	Roger Smith
Helen Whitehouse	

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Roland Greene	Edward Smith
Lloyd Prime	Hazel Bennett
Edna Whitehouse	

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Lawrence Drew	Hazel Elliott
Ellsworth Hayes	Gladys Emerson
Murray Wright	Mildred Hayes
Rosalie Bernier	Evelyn Greene
Mabel Smith	

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Damon Bennett	Clinton Varney
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BAY SCHOOL

Harold Prime	Warren Whitehouse
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GILMAN'S CORNER

Norman Rhines

ALTON FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND POULTRY SHOWS

1916

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Feb. 15.	Balance on hand,	\$ 39 67
Oct. 9.	Received of H. J. Jones,	100 00
Dec. 15.	Received of H. J. Jones,	100 00
		\$ 239 67

EXPENDITURES

Fruit and Vegetable Show

Sept. 4.	Paid for printing,	\$ 15 00
Oct. 14.	Paid for premiums,	93 92
	Paid for orchestra,	5 00
	Paid for judges,	5 00
	Paid for labor,	6 00
	Paid for postage and stationery,	3 89
		\$ 128 81

POULTRY SHOW

Dec. 15.	Paid for printing,	\$ 13 00
	Paid for premiums	33 50
	Paid for orchestra,	5 00
	Paid for Prof. Mitchell, judging,	5 00

Paid for hotel bill,	2 00	
Paid for grain,	1 33	
Paid for nails, wire, tacks, and paper,	2 05	
Paid for D. E. Clough, work,	2 00	
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		\$ 192 69
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Balance,		\$ 46 98

OSCAR E. DAVIS, *Chairman*
JOHN H. McDUFFEE, *Secretary*
JOHN W. EVANS, *Treasurer*
FRED M. NEWHALL
WILLIE E. SANBORN

REPORT OF ALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1916.	\$ 33 23	
May 22. Received from town		
treasurer,	100 00	
Oct. 13. Received from town		
treasurer,	100 00	
1917		
Jan. 12. Received from town		
treasurer,	177 00	
Feb. 15. Received from town		
treasurer,	17 50	
	—————	\$ 427 73

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1916

May 1. To cash paid Annie A.		
Wheeler, salary,	\$ 18 75	
May 16. E. R. Wright, insurance,	16 20	
May 24. J. M. Hanson Bennett,		
(magazine),	26 12	
May 24. Freight on library books,	46	
July 25. Farmington News, cards		
and slips,	6 00	
Aug. 1. Annie A. Wheeler, salary,	18 75	
Aug. 3. George G. Neal, (book-		
binding),	39 25	
Oct. 6. Book,	1 80	
Oct. 14. Charles E. Lauriat Co.,	44 27	
Nov. 2. Annie A. Wheeler, salary,	18 75	

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1917

Jan. 10.	The Globe Wernicke Co.,	9 60	
Feb. 9.	W. B. Clarke Co.,	47 14	
Feb. 9.	Charles E. Lauriat Co.,	72 45	
Feb. 9.	Mrs. Anna M. Wright,		
	(book expenses),	5 00	
Feb. 15.	Annie A. Wheeler, salary,	18 75	
Feb. 15.	On hand,	84 44	
			\$ 427 73
	Number of books loaned,		5,837
	Number of books in library,		4,040

BOOKS DONATED TO THE LIBRARY IN 1916

Collected Diplomatic Documents relating to the Out-
break of the European War presented by William
Rockwell Clough.

N. H. Annual Reports, Vol I, 1915-1916.

N. H. Manual for General Court, No. 15.

Old Corporal Poems, Rev. S. S. Coan, presented by Mrs.
Martha Colbath.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. MOONEY,

ANNA M. WRIGHT,

WALDO C. VARNEY,

Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALTON

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation	HOW INVESTED	Am't of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income during Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income on hand at End of Year
1901 Aug 1	Herbert I and Leonard Nute, cemetery fund	Used by town of Alton and secured by Note	\$150	3 1/2 per cent	25.44	5.25	5.00	25.69
1904 June 4	Eveline L. Palmer, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	500	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	17.50	17.50	" " " "
1909 Feb. 12	Sarah J. I. Evans, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	100	" " " " " " " "	8.07	3.50	4.00	7.57
1910 Sept. 23	Betsey J. Frohock, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	100	" " " " " " " "	8.34	3.50	1.00	7.84
1911 Jan. 28	Emeline R. Avery, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	500	" " " " " " " "	48.34	17.50	5.00	57.84
1911 Jan. 28	George W. Berry estate, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	100	" " " " " " " "	5.81	3.50	5.00	4.31
1911 Aug. 21	Stephen C. Wentworth, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	75	" " " " " " " "	5.10	2.62	4.00	3.72
1911 Sept. 5	Lydla A. Rannels, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	100	" " " " " " " "	7.86	3.50	4.00	7.36
1913 Feb. 15	Alonzo S. French, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	150	" " " " " " " "	5.88	5.25	4.00	7.13
1913 Feb. 15	Jonathan H. Downing, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	100	" " " " " " " "	2.62	3.50	4.00	2.12
1914 Feb. 14	Daniel M. and John F. Perkins, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	50	" " " " " " " "	1.77	1.75	2.00	1.52
1914 Nov. 12	Ellen Jones, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	400	" " " " " " " "	10.71	14.00	7.00	17.71
1916 July 21	Andrew J. Varney, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	100	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	1.98	1.00	.98
1917 Feb. 15	William B. Jennings, cemetery fund	Deposited in Laconia Savings Bank	50	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "
1917 Feb. 15	Charles H. Downing, cemetery fund	" " " " " " " "	100	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "
			2,575		129.94	83.35	69.50	143.79

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts, find them properly vouched and correctly cast

FRANK M. AYER
EDWARD H. DOWNING } Auditors

Feb. 15, 1917







